IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

8:23CR186

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

v.

JUAN CHUC-LACAN,

Defendant.

This matter is before the Court on the government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 63). The Court has carefully reviewed the record in this case and finds as follows:

- 1. On July 2, 2024, defendant Juan Chuc-Lacan ("Chuc-Lacan"), pleaded guilty to Count I of the Indictment (Filing No. 1) and admitted the Forfeiture Allegation. Count I charged Chuc-Lacan with conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of actual methamphetamine; in violation of 21 United States Code section 846.
- 2. The Forfeiture Allegation sought forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, of \$14,726 in United States currency (\$10,620 seized from New Victorian Inn (10728 L Street), Room 302, Omaha, Nebraska on June 2, 2023, and \$4,106 seized from a 2021 Chevrolet Malibu on June 2, 2023), as property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such offense and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, the offense charged in the Indictment.
- 3. Based on Chuc-Lacan's guilty plea and admission, Chuc-Lacan forfeits his interest in the \$14,726 in United States currency (\$10,620 and \$4,106), and the government

is entitled to possession of any interest Chuc-Lacan has in the \$14,726 in United States currency (\$10,620 and \$4,106), pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853.

4. The government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture is granted.

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 63) is granted.
- 2. Based upon the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment (Filing No. 1) and Chuc-Lacan's guilty plea and admission, the government is hereby authorized to seize the \$14,726 in United States currency (\$10,620 and \$4,106).
- 3. Chuc-Lacan's interest in the \$14,726 in United States currency (\$10,620 and \$4,106), is hereby forfeited to the government for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).
- 4. The \$14,726 in United States currency (\$10,620 and \$4,106), is to be held by the government in its secure custody and control.
- 5. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the government shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official internet government forfeiture site, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, notice of publication evidencing the government's intent to dispose of the \$14,726 in United States currency (\$10,620 and \$4,106), in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than Chuc-Lacan, having or claiming a legal interest in the \$14,726 in United States currency (\$10,620 and \$4,106), must file a Petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.
- 6. The published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's interest in the \$14,726 in United States currency (\$10,620 and \$4,106), shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the Petitioner's right, title, or interest in the \$14,726 in United States currency (\$10,620 and \$4,106), and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

- 7. The government may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have an interest in the \$14,726 in United States currency (\$10,620 and \$4,106), as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.
- 8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 10th day of July 2024.

BY THE COURT:

Robert F. Rossiter, Jr.

Chief United States District Judge